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COVID-19 CASE IN HYDE COUNTY ONE OF 122 INACCURATE TESTS

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Luana Gibbs, Health Director for Hyde County is reporting that the laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case reported Saturday, April 25, 2020 was one of 122 tests Vidant inaccurately reported to NC Department of Health and Human Services. Vidant issued the following statement,

"On April 25, Vidant Health sent an electronic update to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) which contained inaccurate COVID-19 test results. We determined this was a technical error affecting 122 results and the data feed issue has since been corrected. It is important to point out that the actual lab test results in Vidant's electronic medical record were correct; there was a technical issue with transmitting data to the state. We are currently working with NCDHHS to update the data. We apologize for any confusion this has caused the state, local health departments and patients."

Gibbs is thankful Vidant issued the above statement and reports the patient was relieved to know there was a data feed reporting error. "We should use our heightened awareness from this as a reminder to be diligent in our efforts to protect ourselves from this extremely contagious virus," reports Gibbs. NC DHHS is working to update the website to correctly reflect caseloads.

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